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Daniel J. Jenkins

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification - none.

Amendments to the Claims - none.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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